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VIRGINIA'S CATTLE AND CALF INVENTORY UP 5 PERCENT FROM 2009

- Virginia's cattle and calves inventory totaled 1.55 million head on January 1, 2010, according to the USDA/NASS Virginia Field Office. This is up 5 percent from last year's inventory of 1.47 million head.
- Virginia's inventory tied with New Mexico, ranking 20th in the United States for total number of cattle and calves representing 1.7 percent of the total United States Inventory.
- Beef cow inventory, at 665 thousand head, was up 3 percent from last year's total of 643 thousand head. Milk cow inventory totaled 95 thousand head, down two thousand head from January 1, 2009.
- Beef replacement heifers totaled 105 thousand head on January 1, 2010 up 5 thousand head from last year. Milk replacement heifer inventory also increased by 5 thousand head, totaling 50 thousand head.
- Virginia's inventory of steers 500 pounds and over totaled 180 thousand head, up 29 percent from the 2009 total of 140 thousand head. Total inventory of all calves under 500 pounds was 350 thousand head, no change from the previous year.
- The 2009 calf crop totaled 690 thousand head, up 10 thousand head from the 2008 calf crop.

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U.S. CATTLE INVENTORY DOWN 1 PERCENT

- All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2010, totaled 93.7 million head, 1 percent below the 94.5 million on January 1, 2009.
- All cows and heifers that have calved, at 40.5 million, were down 1 percent from the 41.0 million on January 1, 2009.
- Beef cows, at 31.4 million, were down 1 percent from January 1, 2009
- Milk cows, at 9.1 million, were down 3 percent from January 1, 2009
- Other class estimates on January 1, 2010, and the change from January 1, 2009, are as follows:
 - All heifers 500 pounds and over, 19.7 million, up slightly.
 - Beef replacement heifers, 5.4 million, down 2 percent.
 - Milk replacement heifers, 4.5 million, up 2 percent.
 - Other heifers, 9.7 million, up 1 percent.
 - Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 16.4 million, down 2 percent.
 - Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.2 million, up slightly.
 - Calves under 500 pounds, 14.9 million, up slightly.
- Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots, 13.6 million, down 2 percent.
- The combined total of calves under 500 pounds, and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds outside of feedlots was 27.5 million, down slightly.
- Calf Crop Down 1 Percent
- The 2009 calf crop was estimated at 35.8 million head, down 1 percent from 2008. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 26.0 million, down 1 percent from 2008.



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